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A JOINT MEMORIAL
ENDORISING THE NEW MEXICO CENTENNIAL ENCYCLOPEDIA.

WHEREAS, in 2012, New Mexico will celebrate the centennial of its January 6, 1912 statehood; and

WHEREAS, no other state in the United States possesses a deeper, richer or more diversified history than New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the historical society of New Mexico has proposed that an encyclopedia of New Mexico history and culture be prepared as a major and enduring centennial project and that it be lively, abundantly illustrated and comprehensive, covering every corner, every era from the prehistoric to the present and every culture of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, at several meetings of competent scholars and writers, it has been suggested that the New Mexico centennial encyclopedia be published in one or two volumes in 2012; that

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1 it be made available in electronic format and on the internet
2 to ensure the widest possible school and public access; and
3 that it be continually updated; and

4 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico will provide the New
5 Mexico centennial encyclopedia project a home with office
6 space, released faculty time and fundraising aid; and

7 WHEREAS, the project's board of directors, contributing
8 editors and authors will be drawn from every part of the state
9 and beyond; and

10 WHEREAS, the enthusiastic endorsement of the New Mexico
11 legislature is vital to the success of this momentous
12 educational project in order to attract both publicity for the
13 encyclopedia and needed personal, corporate and public funds;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it endorse the New Mexico centennial
16 encyclopedia project, acknowledge preliminary planning of the
17 historical society of New Mexico and recommend that individuals
18 and agencies support this exemplary educational project so that
19 all New Mexicans may better understand and appreciate the
20 richness and variety that is their shared heritage.